

**REMARKS**

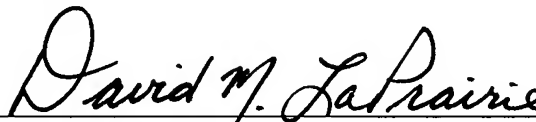
After entry of the subject Preliminary Amendment claim 1-8, 11-16, and 18-21 remain in the application with claim 1 in independent form. More specifically, in this amendment, claims 1-5, 7-8, 11-16 and 18-21 have been amended, claims 9-10 and 17 have been cancelled, and claim 6 remains unchanged. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account no. 08-2789 for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

**HOWARD & HOWARD ATTORNEYS, P.C.**

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David M. LaPrairie". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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